

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Canadian Martyrs Church, Invermere, BC

Sunday, 9:00 am

Canadian Martyrs Church, Invermere, BC

Sunday, 11:00am

St. Joseph's Church, Radium, BC

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Thursday

Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayer, 8:30 am
Mass 9:00 am (CMC)

Friday

Adoration, 8:30am, Mass 9:00 am (CMC)

Confession

1/2 hour before masses or by appointment

Marriage and Baptism: Contact Fr. Francis dela Cruz

Home Visits: Contact Fr. Francis dela Cruz

Columbia Garden & Ivy House: Mass 10:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Mt. Nelson: Communion Service: 2:00pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Visit our website: www.canadianmartyrs.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time/Place	Intention
Sat. May 2	5:00 PM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. May 3	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. May 3	11:00 AM SJC	Parishioners Intentions
Mon. May 4	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. May 5	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Wed. May 6	9:00 AM CMC	Emilianito dela Cruz R/S
Thurs. May 7	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Friday May 8	9:00 AM CMC	Al & Gisele Schreiner S/I

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

May 2 & 3

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe, Pauline, John

Lectors: Lisa, Nicole, First Communion Candidates

Ushers: Jeanette, Willy, Mariska, Colin, Joey, Maureen

Counters— May 5—Janice, Klara, Sheila, Zdenka

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The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

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CONFIRMATION

Confirmation in our parish will be on Sunday, May 31st. It will be held in Invermere at 9:00 am and in Radium at 11:00 am. Both masses will be followed by a reception for everyone to stay and congratulate the confirmation candidates.

Please join us in praying for all the Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation Prayer

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these people for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP

St. Joseph's Gift Shop in Radium is open on Sundays following the 11:00 am mass. This is our Parish's location to obtain any faith related items.



CANADIAN MARTYRS & ST. JOSEPH CHAIRPERSONS AND COODINATORS

Parish Council Chair, Paul Carriere - Finance Committee Chair, Walter Romaniuk - Liturgical Committee Chair, Lorraine Keess - Religious Education Coordinator, TBA - Pancake Breakfast, Bruce & Joyce Littke - Coffee Fellowship, Judy Cowan - Safe Environment Coordinator, Paul Carriere - St. Joseph's Church Coordinator, Andy Broda - Parish Centre Hall Coordinator, Colin Lawson

NEW PARISHIONERS

Thank you for joining us! We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our parish. If you are new to our parish community, please fill out a registration form available in the narthex, by calling the Parish Office at 250-342-6167 or by sending us an email at invermere@nelsondiocese.org.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2026

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to: Gabriel, Calix, Daven, Czian, Dacer, Yadael, Joeffrey Jr., Maxim, Mila, Serina, John, Precious, Phille, Jaden, Yuri, Crisjohn, Josh, Paul, Dione, Symon, Obianochie, Chidozie, John, Vhon, Vaida.

We pray: On your First Holy Communion day, may you feel the presence of God's love surrounding you, guiding you, and filling your heart with joy.



Join us for coffee after Mass.

MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Our first pancake breakfast of 2026 will take place after the **9:00 am mass on May 10th in Invermere**

Please join us for a wonderful breakfast and an opportunity to socialize with your fellow parishioners.

Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help support our parish.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

Our Goal: \$19,600.00

Collected to date: \$7430.00.00

We've reached 38% of our goal!

This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish. We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal.

Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it into the collection basket. **PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE DIOCESE OF NELSON.**

Other ways to donate are via e-transfer to: etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360> or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

If we exceed our goal, the extra money raised will be returned to our Parish account.

*The theme for this year's appeal is
A Journey toward a mansion of many rooms.
"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." (John 14.2)*

CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming summer issue:

Deadline May 8, 2026

Please send photos, news and articles to: Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DONATIONS!

- ◆ **INTERAC / E-TRANSFER:** Donations can be sent to:

etranfer.cminvermere@nelsondiocese.org

Please include your donor information (name and address) in the message box or provide your envelop number. If you wish to direct your donation to a specific purpose ("General" or "Shrine", as examples), mention that as well.

- ◆ **QR CODE:** Click the QR code below using the camera on your phone. It will take you to the "Canada Helps" website, a secure donation partner. There, you can enter your donor information and immediately receive your emailed receipt. **Canada Helps** charges the Parish a small fee for this service.



Thank you for your support

GIFTS FOR THE WEEK THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,800.00
Sunday, April 26	\$2347.00
Bursary	\$275.00
Our Lady of Peace Shrine	\$318.00
Pilgrimage of Faith	\$1505.00

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless our diocese with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state, and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK MAY 10-17

Each year in May, the Catholic Church in Canada celebrates, in an international way, the gift of family and the precious gift of life during National Family and Life Week. This year's theme echoes Jesus' reassuring words to his disciples: "I am with you always" (Matthew 28.20). Whatever our circumstances—our joys and our struggles—we remember his promise to walk with us each day, in our family life, in our work and in our world.

As we celebrate National Family and Life Week, may we find renewed opportunities to model our lives on the Holy Family, discovering hope and consolation through daily prayer, the sacraments and Christ's comforting promise.

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